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Entrance door and windows of the British Embassy in Jerusalem seen blazing as huge crowds set building on fire on Wednesday night. (AP Wirephoto)

Israel's reply cheers Rogers

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State William Rogers said yesterday he was encouraged by Israel's willingness to take part in indirect peace talks with Egypt, with the U.S. acting as intermediary.

Egypt, Russia stress amity

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Egypt and Russia yesterday reaffirmed their desire to strengthen their relations in the interests of peace in the Middle East, Tass news agency reported.

This was the first full announcement on talks yesterday between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and top Kremlin leaders. President Sadat arrived Wednesday and was expected to leave sometime today for Yugoslavia.

Before his arrival, the Egyptian leader announced he would be seeking Soviet arms. However, observers expected Soviet leaders to urge restraint on him, especially since his talk of war with Israel.

It stressed the atmosphere of "full mutual understanding," saying the two sides had reaffirmed their determination to continue relations in the spirit of the bilateral friendship treaty signed last year.

In this spirit they would continue the line for further development and strengthening of these relations which are in the interests of the peoples of the two countries, the cause of peace in the Middle East and international security.

Apart from Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Kosygin, the talks were attended by Party Politburo member Andrei Kirilenko, Boris Ponomarev, a party secretary and specialist on the Middle East, Soviet Defence Minister Andrei Grechko and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Present on the Egyptian side were the President's adviser on national security questions, Mohammed Hafez Ismail, and Foreign Minister Mohammed Murad Ghaleb.

Mr. Rogers told a press conference the talks are essential if progress is to be made towards a settlement in the Middle East. He said there has to be an active exchange of ideas between the two sides if they are to reach agreement.

Mr. Rogers told a press conference the U.S. has not yet decided how to proceed in seeking an agreement for indirect talks with Israel, which will be aimed at an interim settlement and a reopening of the Suez Canal. He said the U.S. Government would approach Egypt at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.

Meanwhile, Mr. Rogers said the U.S. also strongly supports the efforts by U.N. mediator Gunnar Jarring to open negotiations between Egypt and Israel. He said there was no reason why the Jarring talks and the U.S.-sponsored indirect talks could not take place at the same time.

At the same time, Mr. Rogers accused Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, of harming the U.S. national interest by rejecting the new Nixon Vietnam settlement plan before enemy envoys have.

"I think this particular speech by Muskie, coming at this time, was most inappropriate and harmful to the national interest," Mr. Rogers told newsmen.

"I think every man who runs for office, I'm speaking particularly of presidential candidates, should ask himself whether it serves the national interest" before taking a public stand on the Vietnam issue, he said. (Reuter, AP)

Gadafi again in Egypt

CAIRO (Reuter). — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi arrived here unexpectedly yesterday from Khartoum after two days of talks with Sudanese President Jaafar el-Numeiri about the Middle East situation.

Col. Gaddafi was met at Cairo Airport by Vice-President Hussein el-Shafiq, Deputy Premier and War Minister Mohammed Ahmed Sadek and other senior officials.

Egypt seen agreeing to talks

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent TEL AVIV. — Despite Cairo statements to the contrary, Egypt is ultimately expected to agree to Washington's proposed talks for an interim solution along the Suez Canal.

A good deal of hedging and squabbling over the subject has been expected to precede the agreement, but the consensus of expert opinion available here is that the Egyptians have little to lose and that the Soviets will probably also urge them to join the talks, since Moscow is keenly interested in securing a more convenient route to the Indian Ocean than the round-about trans-Siberian route.

Egypt will be able to negotiate without dropping any of her military options or, for that matter, making any other major concessions.

The year of 1972, as seen here will mark the beginning of a new protracted struggle. Formally, the choice taken by the Egyptians was war. This time, however, the Egyptian President took good care not to commit himself to any date, literally postponing the hostilities "until further notice" and linking them to a necessary rebuilding of the state.

Reconquest 'some day' Prior to his departure for Moscow earlier this week, Sadat promised steel workers at Helwan that the reconquest of Sinai would be achieved "some day." Reiterating the necessity for undertaking the simultaneous economic and industrial rehabilitation of Egypt, Sadat added: "I don't want anyone to interpret this as meaning that the conquest will take place only after the state is rebuilt. What I am saying is that zero-hour has been postponed. But not indefinitely..."

Other recent speeches made by him included non-complimentary references (although indirect ones) to the Soviet-Egyptian relationship. Stressing, for instance, the need for an independent Egyptian arms industry, he said that this was needed "so that we will no longer have to depend on arms and will not have to demean ourselves." A continuation of the present impasse would be fraught with dangers for the Egyptian regime. It must be remembered that some Egyptian soldiers have been in uniform since 1967. Egyptian conscripts are called up for indefinite periods and are actually liable, according to the wording of the Egyptian law, to serve until the "act of Israeli aggression is undone."

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2 Army doctors killed by Sinai road mine

Two tourists hurt near Dead Sea

Jerusalem Post Staff Two army doctors were killed and a soldier injured on Wednesday evening when their civilian tender hit a mine in Sinai. The Army spokesman announced yesterday. In another incident yesterday, two young American tourists were injured, one of them seriously, in the explosion of an unidentified object near Mount Masada at the Dead Sea.

The Sinai casualties were Sergeant Yair Gori, 22, of Tel Aviv, and Sergeant Ya'acov Gazi (Felsenstein), 29, of Ramat Gan. The name of the injured soldier was not released. The incident occurred at 5 p.m. on the road linking Quesma and Bir Khasne in eastern Sinai, not far from the former armistice line.

Because of the heavy traffic along this road, it is believed that the mine was planted shortly before the vehicle passed over it.

"Tim" learned last night the two officers were riding along the same deserted road in a Volkswagen, which was demolished by the blast. An army unit in the vicinity arrived on the scene almost immediately and took the officers to hospital.

The persons who planted the mines were believed to have been Beduin. They removed a section of the asphalt road cover, dug a pit, planted the mine and replaced the asphalt covering.

TOURIST HURT A twenty-year-old American tourist was severely injured yesterday at the Dead Sea, near Masada, when an unidentified object exploded in his hand. The tourist, Bernard Sand, arrived in the area with two companions, Michael Timmerman, 20, and Dennis Gordon, 21, all from Missouri. They planned to spend the night on the banks of the Dead Sea.

Sand picked up the object, which his companions said resembled a food tin, and as he was about to put it down it exploded. The blast tore off his arm to the elbow and caused burns on his body. The force of the explosion blew Timmerman off his feet, injuring him slightly.

A passing motorist took the three youths to Kibbutz Ein Gedi where they were given first aid. Sand was taken later to the Central Negev Hospital in Beersheba.

British send more troops to Ulster; warn Irish Republic

LONDON. — Britain yesterday ordered new troop reinforcements to Ulster and warned the Irish Republic that "most serious and lasting damage" to relations between the two countries will result if it continues its anti-British policies.

"I must give a warning to the Irish Government," Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home said in Parliament, "that if they maintain the attitude they have taken, they could do the most serious damage — and lasting damage — to the relationship between our two countries."

As Douglas-Home spoke, the Defence Ministry announced another 550 British troops are being sent to Northern Ireland immediately, bringing total British troop strength in the province to about 15,000. The announcement came after civil rights leaders rejected urgent pleas by the British government to call off a planned march in the Northern Ireland border town of Newry on Sunday.

The British government has warned that troops would be used to break up the march.

The Northern Ireland government has banned all marches by both Roman Catholics and Protestants. A similar march at Londonderry last Sunday ended in a bloodbath and the killing of 13 civilians. Bernard Devlin and Gerard Fitt, two Ulster nationalist members of the British Parliament, have announced they will take part in the Newry march.

A civil rights spokesman said, "there will be a peaceful and effective civil rights march unless the British government intends to use its army to conduct a massacre."

The civil rights leaders announced their decision to go ahead despite an urgent personal appeal by Prime Minister Edward Heath to Cardinal William Conway, Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, and Cardinal John Heenan, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain. Mr. Heath said in letters to the two cardinals that the march would create further opportunity for terrorists to exploit the demonstration for more violence.

Meanwhile, in Dublin, Irish Premier Jack Lynch charged that British paratroops shot innocent people when they opened fire on the civil rights demonstration in Londonderry on Sunday in which 13 civilians died. Mr. Lynch, opening a two-day emergency debate on Ulster in the Dail (Parliament), said he hoped the scheduled Newry march will proceed "and will not produce a reaction like (London) Derry — shooting down innocent people by paratroopers."

NEWBY MARCH

Mr. Lynch said the Irish government had studied reports from what he termed "absolutely reliable sources" supported by "witnessed accounts of the shootings in Londonderry last Sunday. He cited a report by a British troop commander in Londonderry that 200 rounds of ammunition had been fired at troops, as well as nail bombs and other missiles before the paratroops opened fire. "As far as I know not one of these troops was injured by bullets or nail bombs," Lynch said.

The same officer claimed that shots had been fired from snipers on the roof of the flats. The stark fact remains that all those people killed were on the ground."

Mr. Lynch made his statement a short time after Sir John Feck, British Ambassador to Dublin, protested to him over the burning of his embassy by a crowd of more than 25,000 demonstrators. Feck said afterwards that Anglo-Irish re-

Accord on Mirages seen next week

By JACK MAURICE

Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — Barring any unforeseen last minute difficulties, Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan will probably sign an agreement with the French Foreign Ministry next week under which Israel will surrender its claims to the 50 Mirage warplanes placed under embargo by France since the eve of the Six Day War.

The date for the signature of the agreement is expected to be set during this week-end when a senior Quai d'Orsay official in charge of the negotiations returns to Paris after a period of absence.

Well-informed sources here say the price of \$38m. plus interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, which "Maariv" reported as the basis of the agreement, is considerably wide of the mark. French Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that no final figure had yet been decided, but that this difficulty could be ironed out during the next few days.

The agreement will be a substantial diplomatic success for President Pompidou, who thus succeeds in getting rid of the Mirage bugbear in return for a purely financial quid pro quo. The agreement excludes any sort of package deal based on a return to normal relations between Israel and France after almost five years of chilliness since the Six Day War.

For Mr. Pompidou the removal of the Mirage thorn from his forehead within a few months of the forthcoming French general election will be a valuable campaign asset. He will now be able to lead the Gaullists to the polls without having to face accusations of dishonesty and double dealing over the Mirage embargo. France's pro-Arab stance remains unchanged. In fact, by obtaining Israel's consent to surrender the Mirages, the French Government will enhance its image in the Arab world.

More blasts in Dacca quarter

DACCA (AP). — Heavy explosions were heard from Dacca's Bihari sector of Mirpur yesterday, as the Government sent in former guerrilla fighters to reinforce the regular Bangla Desh troops. Foreign observers were again barred from entering the Mirpur area and were ordered not to go anywhere near there. The International Red Cross, which attempted to take in medical supplies, was also refused permission to enter.

Mirpur, the home of some 250,000 members of the country's minority Bihari community, was under curfew for the sixth straight day. Lt.-Col. Khalid Mosharra of the Bangla Desh army said the search for arms and "collaborators" was continuing and there was no more fighting going on. He claimed that the explosions were "only mines being detonated." The Bangla Desh army units were moving in heavy vehicles, mounted with recoilless rifles, artillery and mortars.

Terrorists claim 'Hatzofe' blaze

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter The Fatah command yesterday claimed to have carried out 46 "military operations" inside Israel, including heavy losses on the Israelis, "including a tank and planes."

In a statement broadcast by the Cairo Radio network, the terrorists said that one of their targets was the "Hatzofe" newspaper building in Tel Aviv.

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IN THE ARAB WORLD

by ANAN SAFADI

Sadat 'building up the image of a demi-god'

EGYPTIAN President Anwar Sadat's current visit to Moscow is unlikely to produce any immediate impact on the Middle East conflict...



President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is greeted by Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet Communist Party Secretary, on arrival at Moscow airport on Wednesday.

On the military level, Sadat needs to rebuild his armed forces on an "entirely new basis" as he put it this week...

Despite the recent cooling of the Middle East conflict, Sadat has had to face crises on two other fronts: relations with Moscow, and unrest at home.

Sadat admitted this week that his contacts with Moscow were cool for several months while he conducted a dialogue with Washington in the aftermath of Krenin's disappointment at the overthrow of Egypt's pro-Moscow Vice-President Ali Sabry...

Russians too busy Sadat implied that when he wished to make good his "year of decision" promise at the end of last year, with the aid of the Russians, the latter were too involved in the India-Pakistan conflict to support his decision.

Sadat's inability to decide on peace or war provoked Egypt's domestic unrest in which Cairo University students demonstrated at Cairo's Liberation Square for 10 days. Despite the students' rhetoric, it seems doubtful whether Egyptian undergraduates and intellectuals really want an immediate armed confrontation with Israel...

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This situation is exactly what the Soviets and Sadat himself want for widely differing reasons.

The Soviets need more time than ever to regain their political standing in the region, jeopardized recently by a number of factors such as the loss of Soviet power centers in Sudan and Libya. Meanwhile, the Soviets will attempt to consolidate their physical presence by pouring military personnel into Egypt to man the supplies of sophisticated weaponry...

Sadat himself seems to be most interested in building up the personal image of a demi-god. To achieve such a goal, he is unlikely to risk any undertaking where victory is not assured.

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Croat nationalism on the rise

By NEAL ACHERSON

COMING back to Yugoslavia after 19 years' absence is like suffering a fit of progeria — the disease which makes you old before your time. Not two decades, but a century of change seems to have taken place.

A somnolent Balkan town like Belgrade, where whiskered peasants in carts slowly wobbled along empty boulevards and gypsies sang by lamplight in clay hovels, has become a whirlpool of pushing, squabbling traffic. Busy young men in sleek suits dart in and out of supermarkets and snack bars, or cram the lifts of elegant skyscrapers.

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Fortunally, the Croatian outbreak did not seriously provoke nationalist reaction in other republics. But that remains a force to be reckoned with. One of the Macedonian leaders, Mr. Kresna Cvetkovski, flirted experimentally with the previous Croat leadership. The Albanian majority in the autonomous region of Kosovo has at last been granted its rights, and is agitating for greater independence.

The real danger, however, is the latest national feeling of Serbia itself. The Croat movement, with its anti-Serb oratory, produced a few sparks of anger: some intellectuals demanded that Belgrade television should use the Cyrillic lettering of Serbia and a well-known Serbian nationalist, the lawyer Subotic, has been arrested.

AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY: Archaeology Dept. Sets Up Exhibit On Midianite Timna at British Museum

TEL AVIV. — An exhibition on Timna during Biblical times, recently on view in the British Museum in London, was organized and set up by Dr. Benno Rothenberg of Tel Aviv University's Department of Archaeology. Dr. Rothenberg was Director of the Arava expedition which discovered the research work in the Timna Valley, where the copper mines are located.

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Report from PARIS by Jack Maurice

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Hussein rejects peace by stages



"Ma'ariv reporter Tullia Zevi (Ada Luciano) seen interviewing King Hussein and other Jordanian leaders recently for the Italian magazine 'L'Espresso' and for 'Ma'ariv.' Here are extracts from the interview.

Q. Do you consider U.S. aid to Jordan adequate, or what more would you expect and need? A. I think that it is no secret that Jordan is facing very great difficulties, enormous pressures — political, economic and material — from every quarter, and I think that the basic objective of those who mount this pressure is the destruction of the national unity of the people of Jordan.

Q. Do you consider the 242 resolution still realistic, and the Rogers Plan still valid? A. Well, when people speak of negotiations, we are really interested in the substance more than in the form. But for any negotiation to begin, we have to have some basis, and we think that the principles contained in 242 and in the recent American initiatives may be this basis.

Q. What is your opinion of a "solution by stages" which would start from the Suez cease-fire line. Do you think this type of solution is in accordance with Arab interests? A. We are not against any type of solution, but I do believe that such an approach is not in Arab interests at all.

Q. You feel that it is, however, coming? A. It may come. But I feel that the greatest complications and difficulties lie here, not so much along Suez, but here in Jordan, between Jordan and Israel, in terms of the West Bank, the occupied territories. I believe it would be more beneficial to try for a global solution, a total solution, as opposed to a solution by stages, although we are not against the rights of any to seek their own solutions to their own problems.

Q. After Wash e-Tel's death would you say that the resumption of guerrilla activities from Jordan is still conceivable? A. There were some very unfortunate misinterpretations for many reasons. In the first place we tried our utmost to avoid the collision which eventually occurred. Unfortunately what happened is that every contradiction that exists in the Arab world was found on the West Bank. Palestinian resistance was the headline, but those who were claiming to carry that banner in fact reflected every ideology and every political belief and every ambition that exists in the area, and in the world as a whole. As a result Jordan became the battleground between these differing forces, and the national unity of the people of Jordan was the subject of their attempts.

Q. When September 1970 occurred, there was talk of genocide. Could you give your evaluation of the September 1970 events? A. There were some very unfortunate misinterpretations for many reasons. In the first place we tried our utmost to avoid the collision which eventually occurred. Unfortunately what happened is that every contradiction that exists in the Arab world was found on the West Bank. Palestinian resistance was the headline, but those who were claiming to carry that banner in fact reflected every ideology and every political belief and every ambition that exists in the area, and in the world as a whole. As a result Jordan became the battleground between these differing forces, and the national unity of the people of Jordan was the subject of their attempts.

Q. Don't you think that the idea of keeping Palestinian men, women and children in a permanent state of limbo in a refugee camp in the long run proved negative to the Arab cause and to the Arabs themselves? What is the use of the hate propaganda that is allowed to be carried on inside the camps? A. I don't know my own feelings. I believe my people, I regard them as my family, they deserve a better deal and have always deserved a better deal than that. Obviously there is so much that we cannot deal with at the moment, because we do not know, we cannot plan, we do not know when the solution is likely to come. We are talking of a total Palestinian problem and

its solution, but at least what happens to the occupied territory, who is going back, when, are they going back at all. But a solution of guerrilla activities from Jordan is still conceivable. A. There were some very unfortunate misinterpretations for many reasons. In the first place we tried our utmost to avoid the collision which eventually occurred. Unfortunately what happened is that every contradiction that exists in the Arab world was found on the West Bank. Palestinian resistance was the headline, but those who were claiming to carry that banner in fact reflected every ideology and every political belief and every ambition that exists in the area, and in the world as a whole. As a result Jordan became the battleground between these differing forces, and the national unity of the people of Jordan was the subject of their attempts.

Q. But if the people of Hebron were to elect Ja'abari their mayor in April, would you consider him a traitor? A. I do not pass judgment and I do not like the use of the word traitor. We had to evacuate the West Bank. What we passed through in the way of hell really is something which makes us appreciate the difficulties of others.

Q. There is a widespread feeling also among religious leaders that whatever Arab-Israeli agreement is reached, the status of Jerusalem will not in any case be like the pre-June 1967 one. What is your stand on the future of Jerusalem and of the various solutions which have been suggested? A. We have also the feeling that the future of Jerusalem should be a different one from the past. We believe that Jerusalem has a unique place in the hearts and minds of millions of people the world over. I believe the city of Jerusalem should be the city of peace for all times. Its history has been a tragic one. We insist fiercely on our rights regarding the Arab part of the city, recognizing it as occupied territory. But once this is achieved, we are quite open to discuss in any form or way to make Jerusalem a meeting place of all believers in God, and ensuring the rights of all to the Holy City.

Q. You have a bad mark in your teacher's report as far as the past is concerned, because the Jews have often accused the Jordanian administration of not allowing them to come to the Wailing Wall. Was the teacher right? A. It was not my fault, it was a situation which I inherited, and it was a situation that unfortunately prevailed up to June 1967. It was because of the lack of a total solution to the problem, but I was never satisfied with it.

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at a dinner reception at the Grand d'Orsay in Paris on Wednesday, Chaban-François and Sabat-Delmas with Mrs. Chaban-Delmas, wife of the French premier, while Jacques Chaban-Delmas and Mrs. Sabat speak on.

FRENCH PREMIER IN DEEP WATER

FRANCOIS Mitterrand, the First Secretary of the French Socialist Party, declares in its new weekly magazine, "L'Unité": "We have lost our Prime Minister."

Handsone Chaban is a worried man. He fears that Pompidou may be replaced by a less embarrasing figure. The government's record is put before the nation in next year's general election. A leading supporter of Pompidou has remarked: "It's hard to imagine Chaban as a minister, even on television. Just imagine, every time he appears at the hustings, there will be cries of 'Down with your taxes!' from the crowd."

Chaban is in very deep water over his income tax. The scandal broke when the satirical weekly, "Le Canard Enchaîné," published facsimiles of the Prime Minister's income tax statements for each year between 1967 and 1970. These showed that, although he was earning \$10,000 a year, he was not paying a single centime in tax. But Chaban was not breaking the law; he was merely exploiting every loophole in the tax regulations to prove that he owed nothing to the tax collector.

Exempt on 45%. A Government Minister, he was automatically entitled to tax exemption on 45 per cent of his salary. Several other claim exemptions which would mean a 45 per cent tax cut. In his case, the exemption was 45 per cent of his salary. Further, he was a shareholder in several companies, and he was entitled to a rebate on dividends, which are taxed at the rate of 50 per cent.

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TV producer tells what it costs to get out of Lithuania

By JEROME LEONOFF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THEY are known in Lithuania as the *regimistai* — people who work for the regime. In a country where the entire work force may be said to be employed by the state, the term has a special connotation. It refers to those holding jobs of particular responsibility, doing classified work, or serving in the armed forces.

A Jewish *regimistai* seeking permission to emigrate to Israel knows that, in the present situation, this means loss of his work, and a subsequent wait of three to five years. Those demobilized from the armed forces face something like a three-year "cooling off" period, and this refers to all ranks.

None of these restrictions has any basis in Soviet law, according to Avraham Levin, journalist and television producer who immigrated with his family from Vilna last week. But the process is public knowledge, Mr. Levin himself, fortunately, was not a *regimistai*. His TV programmes enjoyed wide popularity and earned him a state prize, but he evidently had no access to information considered "secret" and had no particular difficulty in leaving the Soviet Union. The family applied last May, and received permission in December. By July, he had lost his job and was also automatically expelled from the journalists' union — "an altogether unusual occurrence," he noted.

Mr. Levin, his wife Tella, and two daughters aged 16 and 14, did not experience financial difficulty in the six months before their departure because non-Jewish friends provided him with work (not in his

line) for which he received 160 rubles (about \$145 at the official rate of exchange) a month — "without having to work too hard." The sum sufficed for living essentials.

The journalist, fortyish, stocky and vivacious despite the 4 a.m. arrival at Lod after an overnight flight from Vienna, said he may have been especially fortunate because of his wide circle of friends. He had worked earlier for a newspaper and radio, then went on to television, where he won an all-Union prize for his economic shows which included various competitions and quizzes. According to a Vilna TV magazine these had contributed to a savings of several million rubles in industrial processes.

"The Lithuanians — and this is true of practically all levels — are generally sympathetic toward Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate," the producer said. Maybe for the wrong reasons, he added: "Not that they like Jews or Israel especially, but because they dislike — even hate — the Russians. They see the desire of Jews to emigrate as a sign of protest against the regime — and they support the protest."

Latvia is worse

There was no anti-Semitism to speak of in Lithuania, he said, although the situation was completely different in neighbouring Latvia. "The Latvians are Ruseified," he explains, "and their leaders were drawn from members of the Latvian Brigade formed in the Soviet Union during the Second World War."

Mr. Levin does not come from a notably Zionist background, although his mother, widowed in the war, came to Israel from Vilna in 1948, soon after Germany's defeat. She died the next year.

His father, Moshe Levin, was head of the resistance in the Kovno ghetto, and was killed during the Nazi roundup of concealed Jewish children.

He himself ran off to the partisans in the forest, and in 1944 joined up with the advancing Red Army.

Mr. Levin believes most of the remaining Jews in Lithuania want to go to Israel (there is no reliable estimate of their number, and the nearest Jewish Agency can come up with is "probably tens of thousands"). He divides them into three categories: those who have decided to leave and have applied, those who are on the verge of applying, and those who wish to go but have not yet decided for various reasons — health, studies, a member of the family in the armed forces, etc.

Departure is costly. Each person of 16 and over must pay 900 rubles for a passport and another 100 for the trip to Vienna. En route expenses amount to several hundred rubles per person.

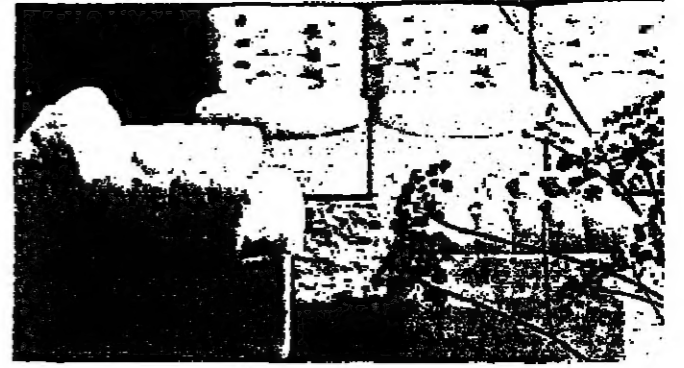
But families are permitted to take most of their belongings with them, including furniture — provided they have had it for not less than a year. The same applies to a piano, although a special tax must be paid for imported instruments. Other articles of value may be taken along, provided they cost no more than 250 rubles each — a TV set worth 250 rubles would not be cleared, for example.

But existing regulations were such that the Levin family had to leave behind nothing they wished to take with them.

Mr. Levin spoke with indignation about a report in "Frayda" about conditions in Schoenau scholas in Austria where Israeli officials process arrivals from the Soviet Union. The article claimed the castle was surrounded with barbed wire, and that the immigrants were kept there by armed guards who patrol the grounds with police dogs. "Needless to say, it was all falsification. Our family arrived in Vienna, were cleared the same day, and on our way to Israel the next."

Mr. Levin who speaks German and a self-taught English that is remarkably fluent considering he "picked it up from B.B.C. broadcasts" was with his family assigned to the Ashkelon absorption centre, where he is attending an ulpan. "The first thing is to learn the language," he says. His future plans? "To find work in my profession, of course."

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Plan for survival Man must master the machine

By GERALD LEACH



LONDON — FOR several years environmentalists have bombarded the world with gloomy and dire warnings that peaceful earth is heading for disaster. Their impact has been astonishing. There is now a very real consensus among the public as well as informed scientists, that if industrial civilization is to survive six grandchild's rapacious behaviour lives at all will have to be drastically curbed. But there agreement ends. The new environmental battle lines are being drawn over a much more contentious question. Can we ensure our survival by adding to the present system — cleaning up industry, recycling some of the throw-away debris there — or does the environmental crisis really demand a far more radical reversal of our destructive technology and acquisitive, growth economy?

Many people, even in government, slip service to the second idea at shrink from the awesome social problems apparently involved. How, specially can massive "de-growth" be achieved without creating massive unemployment — since at present only curbs we have for this and other social evils is to actualize more growth? The dilemma seems vicious that every excuse is found to retreat to less extreme solutions and to play down the more ominous warnings of the environmentalists.

"The Blueprint for Survival" published in last month's issue of a journal "Ecologist" over the signature of 33 distinguished British scientists and economists, is therefore an extraordinarily important document. It is the first full-bodied attempt to show not only how the deadlock can be broken but how leading it could lead to a far more humane and enjoyable society. It is no significant sign that the advance guard of the environmentalists is giving up its Cassandra role and starting to lead the search for positive, constructive answers to its environmental ills.

Not that these ills are minimized. Much of the Blueprint is a forceful reiteration of how over-population, over-pollution and over-production are combining to disrupt the life-support systems of our planet, with the probability of irreversible breakdowns occurring certainly in the lifetime of our children.

"If we allow the present growth rate to persist," a key section reads, "total ecological demand (a measure of man's impact on the environment) will increase by a factor of 33 over the next 60 years — and there can be no serious person today willing to concede the possibility, or indeed the desirability, of our accommodating the pressures arising from such growth. For should we attempt to do so, the consequence will be the disruption of ecosystems, the failure of food supplies, the exhaustion of resources, and the collapse of society."

The conclusion? Industrial (and developing) societies must be established. More than that, however, they cannot possibly be stabilized — for obvious electoral reasons — unless the path to stability is made both attractive and made to point to an attractive place in a society where stability means instead of stagnation a more varied, enjoyable and fulfilling life for all.

It sounds like a tall order. But the authors of the Blueprint, and its signatories, believe it can be met if — and only if — we abandon our current short-term and piecemeal approach and develop a very long-term, gradual, carefully orchestrated and positive programme of change. The real significance of the Blueprint is that it sets out, for the first time, a sketch plan of what such an integrated programme for stability might look like.

Its central idea is to withdraw from "growth" in carefully timed stages of increasing magnitude. First, simple controls to reduce pollution, followed by a freeze operation to halt the trends — for example, the complete banning of persistent pesticides. Then there would have to be a major "substitution operation" to replace heavy resource-using and polluting technologies (e.g. the car) by less damaging alternatives. Next would come the invention and planning in of "alternative technologies" that can be sustained indefinitely because they neither use resources nor pollute (e.g. fish farms fed by sewage).

The correct timing and interlocking of these stages will be critical if they are to avoid severe social and economic tensions. The Blueprint authors are the first to admit it. And one can see why it is one of the first three of their many specific proposals; namely, a raw materials tax on scarcer metals, a tax to penalise short-lived or throw-away products, and a power tax. The long-term aim of the power tax is to force a switch from production by energy-hungry machines to labour-intensive industries — i.e. to create jobs — but the immediate effect of the tax on short-lived products would be to create hefty unemployment in many industries (think of cars that lasted 25 years).

But by far the most radical and controversial of all the Blueprint's arguments is that the final stages of withdrawal from growth should be a massive decentralization and de-urbanization — a return to village industries, village communities, and village politics. Taken as a whole, the Blueprint is a landmark document that will catch the sympathies of many people, especially the young. (O/S) bus.

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Technicians school in Haifa graduates 248

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Senior Technicians School, founded by the Technion-affiliated Boshart Trade School, last week awarded graduation certificates to 248 senior technicians (technicians) and technicians (technicians). This is the largest number of graduates so far in one year, and they have all reportedly been absorbed by the armed services, industry and services.

This is also the first group to have earned not only technicians' diplomas, but also a modified matriculation certificate adjusted by the Ministry of Education to those who complete courses at technical high schools.

The Senior Technicians and Technicians School (the difference in status is determined by the duration of the course) today has about 2,000 students.

Many of the graduates submitted original projects, some of which were singled out by the school's management, such as a programme for heart patients that can be checked in any doctor's office, a cheap and efficient gadget to check the number of revolutions of a motor without touching it, an electronic system that converts an ordinary washing machine into an automatic one and others.

Bus driver fined for refusing to let passenger off

TEL AVIV. — A Dan bus-driver who refused to permit a passenger to disembark at her usual stop was fined IL700 on Tuesday and given a two-months suspended jail term.

Judge Boris Rappoport, in handing down the sentence, stated that such acts constitute "hooliganism," and that in future such drivers would be sent to prison. The judge was surprised that the charge brought against the driver was merely "improper conduct," and not "holding a person against his will." He also expressed surprise that the case had only just been brought before him although the incident occurred in 1970.

The charge sheet against the driver, Meir Garbush, said that he had refused to let the passenger off at her station, after telling her to "shut up" when she inquired why he had not allowed all the passengers who were waiting at the station with her to board the (O/S) bus.

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Members of Gduna will march 25-30 kilometres a day on March 21 and 22, 1972, along separate routes.

A tent encampment will be put up for civilian marchers, seniors and soldiers at Bethel. The camp will provide accommodation in tents and Shekem will sell food provisions. Synagogues, clinics, shoe repair shops, etc. will be available for marchers at the camp.

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Amos Keinan (Yedioth Aharonoth 5.12.71)

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The Duckling I had at "Ron" was the best I ever tasted and the same goes for the sauce which was so delicious that we finished every single drop of it using our spoons, even after we got through with the Duckling itself.

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Women have equal rights—as long as they're alive

Everyone to save for a pension

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

IF Israel had a "Women's Lib" movement its members would do well to picket the offices of Labour Minister Yosef Almogi. Not that Mr. Almogi dislikes women, the opposite is true I'm sure; but he is having certain difficulties with ensuring them equal rights regarding pensions.

The difficulties could probably be resolved quickly if a solid phalanx of women were to make a public issue out of the problem.

When a woman on pension dies, her pension rights die with her, while a man's pension is transferable to his widow. This anomaly exists in our society even while it is written into the law that women must get equal pay for equal work.

"It's difficult to give women equal rights in pensions," Mr. Almogi declared when speaking at a meeting of *The Jerusalem Post* editorial staff this week. Presided by the women present to explain what is so difficult, the Minister squirmed on his seat, flashed his broadest and most captivating smile and gave the impression that he was praying that someone would change the subject.

A few months ago appointed a committee composed entirely of women to study the problem and to make suggestions. I hope they will report soon.

The ladies were not satisfied, but the Minister had nothing more to add except that it is a complicated matter and needs study.

This was perhaps the only moment in the lengthy meeting when Mr. Almogi was stuck for an answer. Secure in the knowledge that he is doing a good job of work at his Ministry, the boss from Haifa is a more relaxed, polished and consummate politician than at any time in the recent past. His direct, open, friendly style makes it hard not to like him.

The questions about women's rights came up at the end of a lengthy explanation by the Minister of the national universal pension scheme which he is striving to bring into force over the vigorous opposition of numerous vested interests.

A couple of years ago Mr. Almogi decided that it is necessary to force people to ensure their personal future. He realized that the pensions of the National Insurance Institute (Bituah Leumi) does not answer the needs, as it is a social payment rather than an insurance.

When the size of the contribution to the National Insurance, the pension remains the same flat sum.

He appointed the Bar-Niv committee to study the best method of national pension which could be applied here. This committee soon ran up against the opposition of the seven Histadrut-sponsored pension funds and private funds and the warring demands for who should control the national scheme. During its 18 months of work these bodies fought for their existence.

There was a legitimate conflict of interests, the Minister continued. However, this did not deter him because as he pointed out, about 300,000 of the country's 800,000 wage earners do not save anything.

In addition, some 250,000 out of the 300,000 self-employed do not save either. Most of those designated as self-employed are not big businessmen or prosperous professionals, but taxi or truck drivers, kiosk owners and such like, he pointed out.

The proposed national pensions law which will be published in about two months time will enable the existing pension funds to continue to operate and even will be possible for new ones to be opened.

The proposal will call for ensuring a fixed percentage of the average wage for every recipient of the National Insurance pension. Fixing the percentage will make sure that the pensioner's income keeps abreast of rising incomes.

The self-employed will be required to save an additional two per cent of their income on top of the current four per cent, and they will receive a pension of up to 40 per cent of the average wage on retirement. They can join any pension fund, and those who do not want to join the existing funds will be able to make their contributions to a special fund to be set up by the National Insurance Institute.

All wage-earners will be required to be members of a pension fund.

Some type of public pensions council will also be established to control the existing funds. Those who want a larger pension will be able to insure themselves with a private fund, as they may today.

Prefacing his answers to a questions on immigration, Mr. Almogi agreed that there is room for reor-

Almogi tells POST



organization of the Ministries and offices handling their absorption. "The next government would do no harm if it was to consider joining the Ministry of Housing and the Public Work Department and linking them with town planning and land policy perhaps creating a Ministry of Building. This could also include the road building work of the P.W.D."

"I don't delude myself that it can be done today with existing coalition demands, that's why we have to make the best of the present situation with so many Ministries involved."

The Minister described the three vital areas in the absorption of immigrants — housing, work and social integration, "though not necessarily in that order."

Work, he assured us, would be available for all the newcomers, even if 75,000 were to come this year. He admitted that there would be difficulties in finding suitable jobs for every individual, "but with the average age of the Russian immigrants being 27, they are excellent material and they are adaptable." We must make every effort to absorb them satisfactorily because the way they settle down has a direct bearing on whether big numbers will continue to come.

Asked why his Ministry appears to do nothing about preventing the employment of child labour, Mr. Almogi said that this is not really true. "If we find a case of a child under 15 years of age being employed we remove him from his place of work. I remember that there was such a case quite recently." "Yes," said one of the Post staffers present, "it was the one who brought it to your attention."

The Minister said that he had no intention of changing any of the laws in respect of child labour, because there were sufficient regulations on the books to cope with the problem. "There are two solutions. Firstly, it is up to the Ministry of Education to ensure that every child goes to school up to the age of 15 and that the Ministry has the powers to punish parents of truants. For the chronic cases, the Welfare Ministry has the sheltered workshops for adolescent children with delinquency or criminal records, and the children can be sent there."

"It is not the responsibility of the Ministry of Labour," he said. Furthermore he limited himself to commenting on those children who are receiving a regular wage for their work. Newspaper vendors are considered as self-employed, and therefore outside the range of his Ministry.

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evidence of his musicianship before, and Benjamin Oren seemed nervous and over-loud in accompaniments and unconvincing in his solo contributions. The Scarlatti Sonatas cannot take such a romantic treatment as he gave them.

Anat Breiter sang with clear voice and intelligent phrasing though one would have wished for a more felicitous programme for her. It seems that the concert programmers took their task a little too easily and the musical ambitions of the Dants Alghieri Society could easily have been satisfied with a more careful selection from the vast musical production of one of the most musical people of the world.

YOHANAN BOEHM

A musical people ill-served

Readers' letters

CLERGY GRATEFUL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*
Sir, — Our Christmas season was a quiet and joyful one here in Jerusalem. Among the many kind acts shown to us was the annual presentation of trees for Christmas by Keren Kayemet. This brought to mind the many kind deeds shown to us through the year by the various government departments, and to make a sound representative, is a difficult undertaking, but this evening's selection seemed particularly haphazard and in part insignificant.

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CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*
Sir, — In your issue of January 16, I read with amazement the story about the three stamps from Czechoslovakia, issued to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Jewish settlement in Bohemia 1,000 years ago.

Those stamps were issued in 1967 and have been in use since then. I have an envelope with the Jewish stamps, cancelled 1967, received in Tel Aviv. In addition, may I refer you to the 1972 Zumbstein Stamps Catalogue, page 1112, where you will find those stamps under Nos. 1617, 1619 and 1620, all three priced only S.Fr. 3.90, which is a very low price for "rare" or even "underrated" stamps.

ERNEST HIRSCH
Tel Aviv, January 16.

Sir, — With reference to the picture of the three Czechoslovak stamps (January 16), these are part of a series of six stamps on Jewish subjects which were issued in May 1967. They are listed in Scott's Stamp Catalogue as Nos. 1617-1622, and in Zumbstein as Nos. 1616-1621. As they were actually issued a few days before the beginning of the Six Day War, they were withdrawn because of that event. However, quite a number had already reached New York.

NAT LUEIN
Tel Aviv, January 16.

A COMMUNITY CENTRE comprising a children's home, day creche and women's club is to be established by the Wizo Federations of Britain, Canada, Australia and South Africa at Mevaseret Yerushalayim, west of the Capital.

Music Reviews

"Homage to Italy" — Anat Breiter, soprano; Ehud Avihail, oboe; Benjamin Oren, piano (Targ Music Centre, Kin Keren — January 31). Albinoni: Oboe Concerto in E-flat; Scarlatti: Cantata; Liszt: Sonata in A minor; Paganini: Les Jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este; Paganini, Schumann: Concerto in G minor; D. Scarlatti: 4 Sonatas; Benjamin Oren: Oboe Concerto; Rossini: "La Signora Venetiana." In cooperation with the "Dante Alighieri" Society, under the distinguished patronage of the Italian Consul in Jerusalem.

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Mature cellist

welcome experience, and the performance was dedicated and lively.

The Beethoven A-minor Sonata was undoubtedly the climax of this evening, with all demands and expectations fully met.

But one cannot agree with the cellist's choice of Cesar Franck's Violin Sonata for his medium. Not only is the work so well-known and unalterably linked to the violin, but the lower register of the cello cannot produce the same musical effect as the violin, with its brighter tone in the higher octave. Even the excellent Yonathan Zak could not avoid covering up the cello in some hectic passages, especially in the finale. Confinement to the cello's natural low and soft tone produced monotony, which could not be overcome by the cellist. There are so many beautiful and interesting sonatas for cello and piano which could be perfect vehicles for Raphael Sommer's artistry that he should leave the Franck work to the violinists. YOHANAN BOEHM

Violinist with personality

Viola recital by Sidney Harth. At the piano: Alexander Tamir (Tel Aviv, U.S. Cultural Centre, January 28). Works by Nicola Levtchenkoff; Norman Dello Joio; Carl Sternbach; Robert Starer; Herbert Elwell.

Sidney Harth has two precious qualities which make his performance truly rewarding: he is an accomplished instrumentalist and a striking musical personality.

Nicola Lopatnikoff's broad phrases, in his "Fantasia Concertante," provided the violinist with an opportunity to demonstrate his rich, resonant tone and his perfect bowing. Norman Dello Joio's "Colloques" is a dodecaphonic composition, but it is arrestingly expressive, and Mr. Harth gave it an inspired reading. In his "Flamenco Cyclothymia," Carlos Surinach uses traditional Spanish Flamenco tone-

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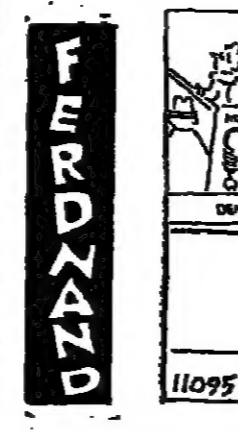
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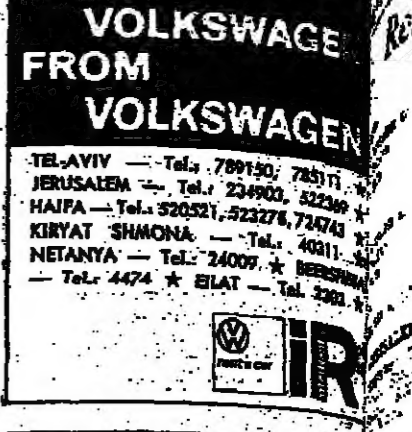
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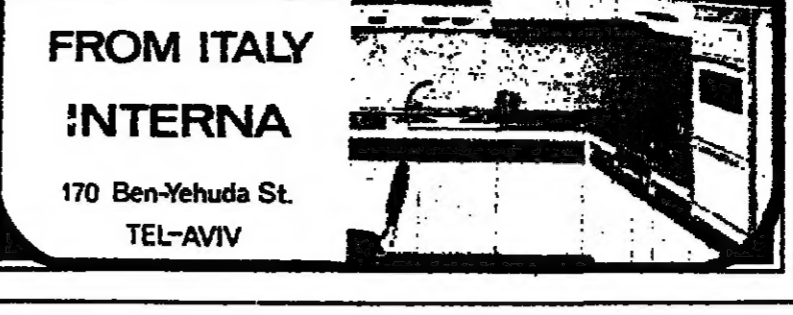
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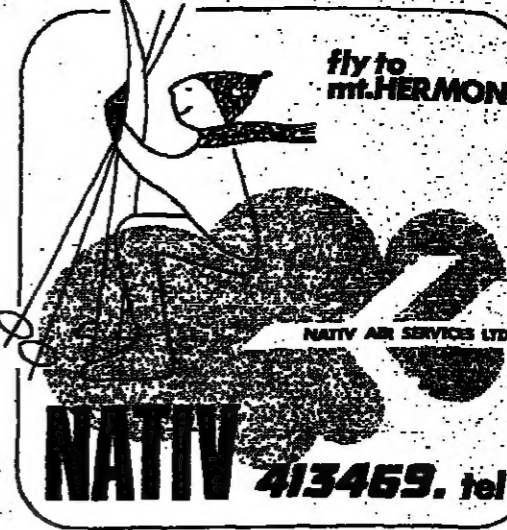
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 5. Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, March 1, 1972, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
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 8. The Agency does not undertake to accept the lowest, or any other bid.

Trepper's son starts hunger strike at Wall

By SHALOM COHEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Edward Trepper, whose father led a Soviet anti-Nazi spy network in Europe during World War II, yesterday began a hunger strike at the Western Wall compound. His aim is to induce the Polish authorities to permit his father and mother to leave for Israel.

The 35-year-old new immigrant from Poland began his lone vigil pining in front of two placards on which was scrawled in Hebrew and English: "I am on hunger strike in protest against the Polish Government. Let my parents, Ed and Liba, go!"

Mr. Trepper, who is to teach Russian literature at the Hebrew University, told The Post he planned to keep up his strike for "many days." Conveying in very basic Hebrew, aided by hand signs, he pointed to the placards in his mouth as the only "food" he was taking.

Mr. Trepper, whose father has been celebrated as the leader of the "Red Orchestra" espionage ring, stood there, a tall, lone figure in a black overcoat and beret, without dramatizing his action. He could have been waiting for a bus. He frequently smiled, and spoke softly. It began to drizzle, but he paid no attention.

He hoped the news of his hunger strike would reach "the world," including Poland, he said. Asked whether he had had any contact with his father in Poland, he first mentioned the "censure" in Warsaw, adding, however, that he had received an occasional letter. His brother, Prof. Michael Trepper, in Copenhagen, had also received word from the former master spy, who was rewarded by Stalin with a 10-year jail sentence without trial — and was subsequently "rehabilitated."

Mr. Trepper said his 68-year-old father was confined to his home, gesticulating, he explained that he was infirm and unable to walk. A few metres away, a group of people in their most festive clothes were celebrating what seemed to be a Bar Mitzva.



Dr. Edward Trepper, on a hunger strike near the Western Wall yesterday.

If at first you don't succeed...

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — Three luckless terrorists from Khan Yunis were yesterday sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 years to life for possessing arms and attempting — unsuccessfully — to use them against their intended victims.

The leader of the unit, Mohammed Mahmoud al-Dosh, 28, received life imprisonment. Mohammed Mustafa Hamdan and Mohammed Mustafa Daraz, both 24, got 10 and 15 years, respectively.

In February, 1970, the gang tried to kill a cafe owner in Khan Yunis — but he escaped through a window. The same month they went to "execute" a young woman in her home — only to find that another gang had got to her first. Later the same month, they attacked an armed Bedouin watchman in a citrus grove; the watchman fought them off and wounded a fourth member of the gang. Another victim was not at home when the "executioners" called.

Arrested early in 1971, the trio attempted to kill a fellow inmate suspected of "collaboration" with the Israelis. They pushed a spoon down the victim's throat, but were caught in time by the guards.

President of the court was Rav-Seren Efraim Talmon. The prosecutor was Segen Abaron Levi.

Judge orders Haifa shippers reject Seamen's Union ultimatum

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The shipping companies have flatly rejected a Seamen's Union ultimatum to equalize the wages and social benefits of the 1,200 foreign seamen they employ with those of their 2,800 Israeli shipmates.

The Union last month gave the companies until the end of February to equalize conditions, claiming that the foreigners were being discriminated against. The Union particularly demanded that the men be insured on terms equal to those of Israel's National Insurance and the Mivtahim Company, which are mandatory for the Israeli sailors.

At the same time, the Union demanded that the income tax authorities start collecting full tax rates from the foreign seamen, who are exempt from Israeli taxation. The Union's aim was mainly to force the companies to make greater efforts to employ Israeli seamen — particularly on the shorter routes, which are in great demand by Israel, because of their frequent home port calls. But the tax exemption and the lower salaries make the employment of foreigners more lucrative.

In their answer to the Union, the companies did not refer to this demand at all, holding that it was a matter for the tax authorities. The companies rejected the discrimination claim and noted that, while the collective labour agreement with the Union applied only to Israeli sailors and was adjusted to the employment conditions of this country, the foreign seamen were employed in line with conditions in their own countries. However, they agreed to discuss any specific case in which the Union could prove discrimination.

The Union seems meanwhile to have veered from its ultimatum course, which it successful would have put in doubt the future of many Israeli ships. Yesterday the Union spokesman told The Post that they would now take up specific cases with the individual companies.

The Union's main aim at this point — to prevent the sale of five Zim coasters to a smaller company.

Judge blasts catch clauses in policies

TEL AVIV. — District Court Judge Moshe Belsky yesterday took insurance companies to task for writing policies larded with loopholes and trick phrases in order to evade paying out claims.

In the specific case in question, the judge ordered the Menorah insurance company to pay the National Insurance Institute IL4,000 damages in connection with a fatal accident involving a learner driver.

In 1967, the deceased, Margalit Farkash, was taking a driving lesson and was killed in a collision with a train at a railway intersection. The National Insurance Institute paid a survivor's compensation in a lump sum and in the form of benefit payments.

Since the driving school was insured, the Institute tried to collect from the school's insurance company, Menorah.

When Menorah refused to pay, it was taken to court. Judge Belsky rejected the company's arguments, one after another. He found it "strange" that the policy in question contained a clause stipulating that it was valid only if the driver possessed a valid driving licence. "It is incomprehensible to me," he noted, "how the company can issue a policy to a driving school in full knowledge that the driver is likely to be a learner who has not yet received his licence."

This sort of contradiction, the Judge added, was a common occurrence and totally unacceptable.

Grocer fined IL500 for overcharging

ASHKELON. — A local grocer was yesterday fined IL500 for overcharging customers three to four agorot for bottles of oil.

The grocer, Mr. Ya'acov Turge-man, 55, last October sold a bottle of cooking oil to a customer for 75 agorot, instead of the usual 71. Another customer was asked to pay IL.35, three agorot above the listed price.

Judge Gilad Giladi said he would have imposed a harsher sentence if it were not for the fact that Mr. Turge-man has 12 children.

Haifa pioneer Avraham Spector dead at 88

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Avraham Spector, a veteran Haifa resident and a pioneer builder on Mt. Carmel, died in his Mt. Carmel home yesterday at the age of 88.

Born in Jerusalem, Mr. Spector moved to Haifa in 1907 and opened the town's first Jewish-owned pharmacy. He built a home on Mt. Carmel and would go to work down on a donkeyback — until he managed to get a bus service established. He also succeeded in getting electricity and running water supplied to Mt. Carmel, and until 23 years ago headed the water supply company.

He was an active member of the Hagana and maintained excellent relations with the Arab citizens of Haifa. He was made a freeman of the city a few years ago.

Mr. Spector's wife died four months ago. He is survived by a son, four daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral will leave from Rambam Hospital today at 11 a.m.

Sapir leaves for two-week U.S. visit

LOD AIRPORT. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday expressed guarded optimism over the new national wage contract, expressing the hope that price rises this year will be smaller than last year. Mr. Sapir was speaking to reporters shortly before boarding an El Al plane for a two-week visit in the U.S. on behalf of Israel Bonds and the U.J.A.

Mr. Sapir said that the economic pinch of Israel's arms purchases in the U.S. would be felt here in two years' time. This year's purchases were already included in the current budget, he said.

The Minister will appear before audiences in 10 American cities and his talks will be broadcast over closed circuit television to 130 Jewish communities.

Departing with Mr. Sapir were Deputy Leaders Sam Rothberg and Lou Boyar.

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Foreign Exchange

Table with columns for currency types (Dollar, DM, Swiss Fr., Yen, Gold) and their respective rates in London.

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Closing Thursday, Feb. 3, 1971
Market down in profit taking

NEW YORK. — The market was off over 2 points in active trading. Brokers attribute the decline largely to profit-taking and say it is a favorable sign that volume has dried up on the decline. In recent weeks trading has tended to be most active when the market is gaining.

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including RCA, Reynolds, and others.

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Kimche blames waste on Lapidot's chief

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
"Some groups wanted to help us... I wanted to come own and take it over."

This was one of the many barbs directed at Lapidot's general manager, Mr. Mordechai Chen, by Daniel Kimche, former Netivei Neft deputy general manager, who testified before the Witkon Commission of Inquiry into the Netivei Neft affair yesterday.

Mr. Kimche, currently the director-general of Magal, a natural gas and oil transporting company, spent early 20 months at the Abu Rodels site as Mr. Mordechai Friedman's assistant. Yesterday he confined his testimony to reading out a memorandum on the state of affairs at the Government-owned oil field. On Sunday he will face cross-examination from the battery of lawyers representing the various sides at the inquiry.

(Kimche is presently waiting for a decision from the Attorney-General regarding a police recommendation that he be prosecuted for theft of equipment from the field. In December he, together with an assistant, Mr. Shmuel Hartzfeld, were indicted by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for questioning, and releasing on IL10,000 bail each.)

Mr. Kimche described those hectic days directly after the Six Day War when he and Mr. Friedman — Netivei Neft's general manager — were determined to get the Abu Rodels fields operating. The obvious plan was to turn for professional manpower was

Netivei Neft probe: Kimche blames waste on Lapidot's chief

Lapidot, he said, where the workers "had for years been dirtying their hands with oil." Attempts to get qualified men from Lapidot, however, proved virtually impossible because of what Kimche described as the intransigence of Mr. Chen, who insisted on having his men stay at Lapidot with nothing to do.

Kimche related how he had suggested to Lapidot, where he is a director, that the Heletz fields be closed down and Lapidot's staff be hired out to Netivei Neft on a contractual basis.

WASTE TIME ON DROPS? "Why have them waste their time with drops of oil when there were tons to be had at Netivei Neft," he asked. He stressed that Netivei Neft wanted Lapidot's unemployed personnel and not Lapidot the company to take over the Abu Rodels fields. As far as Mr. Kimche was concerned, Israel's veteran oil company was not sufficiently dynamic to handle the challenges posed by Abu Rodels.

But the failure to use Lapidot's experts at Netivei Neft was not only Mr. Chen's fault, Mr. Kimche claimed. The Netivei Neft management had also opposed this on the grounds that it would prove more expensive than training new men, since most of Lapidot's employees were men with many years' experience behind them and had to be paid for their knowledge. Nevertheless, he claimed, Mr. Chen did nothing to help. Instead he confined himself to arguing about "dollars and cents" rather than trying to provide work for Lapidot's unemployed personnel, who were drawing salaries — partially financed by the Government.

Kimche who punctuated his evidence with witticisms and choice English, Yiddish and Russian phrases, said that it was he, "your humble servant," who later suggested the smaller fields at Ras Sudar be handed over to Lapidot lock, stock and barrel. Originally, it was decided not to operate Ras Sudar because there were no means of shipping the field's annual production of some 250,000 tons to Israel, and because the oil was of inferior quality, which made it hard to market. The decision to operate the fields, he said, came after completion of the 42-inch Elilat-Ashkelon pipeline, and the opening of new markets for crude oil.

He described at length the condition of the equipment at Abu Rodels when he arrived, and explained why it took so long before things began to get organized. This, he said, was not caused by bad management, but was due to objective factors, such as the lack of qualified storemen, the huge area over which the equipment was dispersed and the lack of any records by which the equipment could have been classified.

Here too it was partially Mr. Chen's fault, he said. "I begged him to let us have the storemen we needed," he said. "But no, he refused, claiming that he needed them more." As a result hundreds of thousands of pounds were wasted. Had Chen's people been available, wasteful purchases could have been avoided and it would have been possible to take stock and organize the fields in the early stages, he said. It would also have been possible to prevent many of the thefts which are known to have occurred, he claimed.

Mr. Kimche was asked why it took four years before any order whatsoever was instituted at Abu Rodels' stores. "I can only account for 20 months," he said, and claimed that during this time the utmost had been done to combat the situation — "but we just never had the people."

He admitted that he had known about the Egyptian card index which

had been found by the police and subsequently produced before the Commission, but claimed that it was absolutely useless and could not understand what all the excitement had been about.

"So what did it help us if the things were written on paper? It didn't tell us where to find the parts." These, he claimed, were spread round an area of nearly 60 square kilometres.

Mr. Kimche was pressed on the issue of stores by Commission member Mr. Avraham Kalir, who seemed to be of the opinion that the index could have been used, even to a limited extent.

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